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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of constructing a concrete column comprising the steps of:

[a] selecting a length of a flexible tube form element, said tube form element having a portion extending outwardly therefrom;

[b] securing the portion of the tube form element to a first vertical support member;

[c] bracing the first vertical support member, thereby supporting the flexible tube form element in an upstanding position; and

[d] substantially filling the flexible tube form element with a flowable and settable foundation material.

Claim 7. (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, in which the flexible tube form element is left in place on the concrete surface.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

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Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of selecting the length of the flexible tube form element comprises the step of cutting the length of the flexible tube form element from a larger length of flexible tube form element.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of securing the portion of the flexible tube form element to the first vertical support member further comprises the step of securing the portion of the flexible tube form element to a second vertical support member.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of bracing the first vertical support member further comprises the step of positioning the first vertical support member and therewith the flexible sheet form element in the upstanding position.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of bracing the first vertical support member further comprises of the step of bracing the second vertical support member.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 10, wherein the steps of securing the portion of the flexible tube form element to the first and the second vertical support members further includes the step of sandwiching the portion between the first and second vertical support members.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method of constructing a concrete column comprising the steps of:

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erecting a flexible tube form element, said flexible tube form element having at least one portion extending outwardly from its perimeter;

supporting the flexible tube form element at the portion thereof; and

filling the flexible tube form element with a concreting material.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, wherein the step of supporting the flexible tube form element comprises the steps of:

reinforcing the portion with a first vertical support member; and

bracing the first vertical support member.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first vertical support member is braced with a strut.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, wherein the step of supporting the flexible tube form element comprises the steps of:

driving a stake into the ground, said stake being adjacent the portion of the flexible tube form element; and

attaching the stake to the portion.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of supporting the flexible tube form element further comprises the steps

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of:

reinforcing the portion with a second vertical support member; and

bracing the second vertical support member.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second vertical support member is braced with a strut.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of reinforcing the portion with the first vertical support member comprises the step of attaching the first vertical support member to the portion of the flexible form element.

Claim 21 (new) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, further comprising unrolling a roll of the flexible tube form element.

Claim 22 (new) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, further comprising unfolding a folded length of the flexible tube form element.

Claim 23 (new) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of substantially filling the flexible tube form element with the flowable and settable foundation material further comprises distending the flexible tube form element with the flowable and settable foundation material.

Claim 24 (new) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, further

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comprising unrolling a roll of the flexible tube form element.

Claim 25 (new) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, further comprising unfolding a folded length of the flexible tube form element.

Claim 26 (new) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of filling the flexible tube form element with a concreting material further comprises distending the flexible tube form element with the concreting material.